



Simi Settlers' Amateur Radio Club

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The next **meeting** is at the

Simi Senior Center,

3900 Avenida Simi, Simi Valley.

Thursday October 10, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

The next **Pizza** Night is at

Toppers Pizza, 2408 Erringer Rd, Simi Valley

October 3 at 6:00 PM

Getting to be a bit like fall, so we are planning for a picnic on **November 2 or 3**. Stay tuned, we are looking to reserve an area at our usual Rancho Madera Community Park.



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Nets of Interest

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
LSB Net 8pm 3.908 MHz SSARC 2 Meter Net* 8:30 pm SMRA-ERN Repeater 146.805 -0.6MHz PL100.0 or 445.580 -5.0MHz PL100.0 The Newbie net 7 pm, Bozo Repeater 147.885 (– 127.3)	Condor Connection 7pm (Plays Newslane) Frazier Mountain 224.720-1.6 MHz PL156.7	LSB Net 8pm 3.908 MHz ACS Area 1 Simi Valley SMRA-ERN 7:05pm Repeater 146.805 -0.6MHz PL100.0 or 445.580 -5.0MHz PL100.0 ATN-CA Net 7:30pm http://atn-tv.org/netnigh.htm ACS Area 1 Simplex net, 6:45 PM on 145.510MHz	Channel Islands chapter 10-10 International 28.34 MHz at 10AM and 6PM Mesh VOIP Net* 8pm 2.4/5.8 GHz Mesh	LSB Net 8pm 3.908 MHz		SSARC SSB HF Net 8:30am 7.240 (+ or - QRM/N) 40 meter CW-QRP 9am 7.032 MHz Quad Squad net 1PM on 21.365 MHz

Additional information on local nets can be found on the CVARC web site at: <http://www.cvarc.org>

* For more information, see <http://www.pvarc.club/mesh/mesh-applications/>

Here are our 8:30 PM Sunday night net controllers for the next month:

Sep	1	Kevin KD6UTC
	8	Matt N3AR
	15	Ron K6RIN
	22	Matt KN6SEC
	29	Kerwyn N6YHX
Oct	6	Brian KM6MIN
	13	Kevin KD6UTC
	20	Matt N3AR
	27	Ron K6RIN
Nov	3	Matt KN6SEC
	10	Kerwyn N6YHX
	17	Brian KM6MIN
	24	Kevin KD6UTC

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ACS/ARES Corner

Frank Valdez KI6OQ is the Area 1 Emergency Coordinator

We are always looking for ACS members that would like to become Net Controllers. You will receive hands-on training at the Simi Valley PD (where we normally conduct the Weekly Net). It is both fun and at times challenging. You will gain valuable experience in running a controlled Net as well as becoming more than just familiar with the equipment in the Radio Room at the PD. If you would like to volunteer for this, just message Frank Valdez at frankki6oq@gmail.com.



If anyone is interested in how to set up your own packet station, RMS Winlink station, or a Mesh Node, contact Frank, he will point you in the right direction.

The **Area 1** (Simi Valley) net occurs Tuesdays. Generally it is just a brief check in, but usually some news about upcoming events is passed on. **Stop by and say Hi.** You do not have to do anything other than check in to test out your simplex or repeater connection.

The **HF net** during summer months is on 7.242 +/- at **6:30 PM**.

The **simplex net** is on 145.510 at **6:45 PM**.

The **repeater net** is on the 146.805 (-, PL100) repeater at **7:00 PM**.

NOTE: Please be advised that we hold the Tuesday **countywide** net at 19:30 (7:30PM) on the Sulphur Mountain WD6EBY repeater 145.200, minus 600 KHz offset, CTCSS of 127.3. Until further notice, this will be our standard frequency for countywide communications.

Visit vccomm.org for more updates.

(ed - I send in my packet and winlink check in usually Sunday or Monday night. Leaves me free to do the voice check-ins with just a handheld while out and about.)

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Member Updates

Share the Road Ride - Eric KE6MLF

The last Share the Road bicycle ride was held on Saturday the 28th. Seemed to be quite low key, with no disasters or panics. I was stationed at the first aid station / water stop at Long Canyon and Wood Ranch Parkway with Dave KO6EJH joined me. I had a popup shade, table, chair, 2 meter radio with a bunch of handheld HT for backup. Was watching APRS, but did not transmit, as I was sitting on my butt. It was the first stop for the 62, 50, and 25 mile rides, and so ended early. I was home before noon where I spent a bit of time putting all the stuff I hauled out.

Some bit of difficulty making out Net Control once or twice, but they got it fixed at their end. Seems we also bumped the Bored Net off one of the repeaters, it was linked in for the day.

Stopping in-between SAG jaunts was Dave KM6FQ, Stuart AG6AG, Robert KK6VQO, Kat K6VQN, and Greg W6GRG. A good day out.

the Bored Net micro Field Day - Joe W6JWP

Joe actually got to stop by and visit the gang at the Camarillo Airport Fire Fighter Training Facility.



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Several blasts from the past - Eric KE6MLF

So, in **1994**, I went to Pace Electronics on LA Avenue, down past Tapo and the train tracks (they are now long closed). While stocking up on electronic goodies, I saw a newsletter for the Simi Settlers ARC. Picked the letters up for a few months before I tried to find and join the Settlers. Went to the meeting place at the Seventh Day Adventist church on Sinaloa during several meetings, but nobody on the grounds knew where they were. Alas.

In any case, here are scans on two of the prints I still have, June and November from 1994. Recognize any names? Many thanks to those who came before us, and those who are still members.

The Simi Settler's

June 1994

Short Circuit

Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club, P.O. Box 3035 Simi Valley, CA 93093

This Month's Program

This month's meeting will be for the election of club officers and the final report on upcoming field day.

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ARES Net

Simi Valley, Area One ARES pre-check in is every Tuesday at 1915 on 147.930 (127.3 pl), the Simi Valley Repeater. The Ventura County ARES net is held on Tuesday at 1930 local on 146.880. In the event the Sulphur Mountain Repeater, 146.880, fails, please use 146.550 Simplex. The Simi Valley ARES Assistant Emergency Coordinator is Jerry Crabtree, KC6UIJ. To join ARES, call him at 526-5869.

Simi Settlers

The Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club is an ARRL Affiliated club. Meetings are held the Second Thursday of every month in the Hospitality Room of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church,

1636 Sinaloa Street, Simi Valley (except December, when a Christmas Party is held). The doors open approximately 7 p.m. and the meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

You do NOT need to be a Ham Radio Operator to be a member. All you need is an interest in Ham Radio.

Individual dues are \$15 per year, Family membership is \$20 per year.

All Visitors are welcome!

Elected Officers 1993-1994

President	Ed Padgett	
KC6HVI		522-4068
Vice President	Dan Uva	
KN6SA		527-7441
Secretary	Angelia Malone	
KC6YIT		583-4657
Treasurer	Ed Meyer	
KA6OMG		522-4156
Historian	Randy Strader	
		526-5415
Newsletter Editor	Howard Coleman	
N6VDV		583-5199
Board Member pro tem		
ARRL Section Emergency Coordinator	Jennifer Roe	
AA6MX		583-3805

Minutes

by Howard Coleman, N6VDV, Secretary pro tem.

The meeting of May 9 was called to order at 1930 by President Ed Padgett, KC6HVI. Following the Flag Salute and introductions, there was a discussion on finding a site for field day.

Candidates for the upcoming elections were invited to speak on their qualifications and platforms.

Orv Beach, WB6WEY, the repeater trustee reminded users of the repeater about proper operating procedures.

Jim Sackey, N9ESM, (Newsletter Editor Emeritus) was presented with a plaque for his dedication and hard work for the club. By the time this edition is mailed, Jim will be headed north to his new post as a member of the

"worlds finest Navy".

Following cake, coffee and the raffle, the meeting was adjourned. Many members went on to the "second meeting" at Denny's on Los Angeles Avenue.

Treasurer's Report

by Ed Meyer, KA6OMG

Ed reported that the treasury has a balance of \$609.96. Club membership dues for the 1994-95 year are now due. Being a paid-up member is a requirement to vote in the elections to be held in June. Please fill out the membership application or renewal form (as appropriate) in the *Short Circuit*.

ARRL

The Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club is an American Radio Relay league affiliated club. When you join or renew ARRL membership through the Simi Settlers, you get the benefits of ARRL membership and the club makes a couple of dollars.

Cost of ARRL regular membership is \$30.00 per year. See the enclosed application for NEW ARRL members in this issue. When you are an ARRL member, you have both incoming and outgoing QSL bureaus, the good deal on insurance for all of your ham radio equipment (the replacement cost - not what you paid for it five years ago), and a subscription to QST.

As an affiliated club, we are supposed to have a certain percentage of our membership who are members of the ARRL.



VE Testing

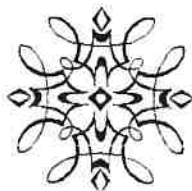
Here is a list of VE Test in our area. The list is arranged alphabetically by city. It lists the City, the person or phone number to contact, the day or dates of test and if Walk-Ins are accepted or if Pre-Registration is required. Where known, the location is also given.

Burbank, KE6AR, (818)349-0927, 1st Sat, WI
Camarillo, Sulphur Mountain Repeater Association
George, KN6LA (805)388-2488, 2nd Sat/even months
at VCPFA office, 3251 Corte Malpaso #501B, Camarillo
Culver City, Walt, KM6MQ (714)373-6077 WI
Downey, KA3DSE (213)923-5598 WI
Lancaster, (805)948-1865 PRE
Los Angeles, Ali Hassan AA6WC, (213)778-6226, 1st Sat, WI
Long Beach, W6LRF (714)847-6370, N6LUH (310)592-1713 4th Sat WI
Rancho Palos Verde (310)644-2271 3rd Sat WI
Northridge (818)348-4457 8am on 1st Sat WI
Northridge Medical Center Hospital, Rocoe & Reseda
Ontario, Harry Kozlowski, KM6LO, 1st Sat WI
San Pedro, N6DYZ, Elvin (213)325-2965, 2nd Sat WI
Santa Barbara, AA6MX, Jennifer (805)583-3805
2nd Sat / odd months
Simi Valley, Simi Settlers ARC, Ted, W6TOQ, (805)526-7343 May/Dec WI
Santa Clarita, (818)884-8030, 3rd Sat, WI
Santa Monica, (310)398-8538 WI
Thousand Oaks, Wilton, WP6C, (805)499-6134
East Valley Sheriff Station on Olson Road

Note: You should always contact VE's for location and time of test. Some locations do not test on a regular basis so these times reflect past performance. Dates are as published by VE's

The fee for Amateur Radio License exams in 1994 is \$5.75.

Tests: WI = Walk In PRE = Pre Registration



Ye Olde Editor

Normally in this column, we would be reading the wit and wisdom of Jim Sackey, N9ESM. As Jim has been transferred by his employer (the finest Navy in the world as Jim has been heard calling it), to a new post in Northern California, his ability to continue as editor of the newsletter was made very difficult. Jim will be submitting articles to the newsletter as our roving reporter.

Jim, on behalf of the Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club, thank you for a job well done. We look forward to your return to the valley when you retire.

73 de your friends

Editor's Column

Howard Coleman N6VDV

As those of you that were at the meeting know, I was "asked" to assume the duties as editor of the newsletter. Since I was not allowed to decline (the election was held without my knowledge), I have agreed to attempt this undertaking. Following Jim will not be easy as he has set a high standard.

This newsletter is by and for the members of the Simi Settlers and for anyone that has an interest in amateur radio. It can be only as good as the readership wants it to be. As the editor, I will be pleased to publish articles that are submitted and reports on the club's activities. It is up to the readers to submit articles that they feel would be of interest to others.

I am going to be hounding the readers to

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write an article describing their particular interest so that others can also become aware of the many facets of amateur radio. A plan is in the works to add columns reporting on the different interests of the members, such as ATV, Packet, HF, ARES/RACES. These are meant only as examples and are not meant to exclude other interests. Perhaps we could have the more technical members answer questions sent to the newsletter? If you have a question, then someone else is bound to have the same question. With the wide variety of interests and expertise among the members of the SSARC, someone is bound to have an answer.

Articles, questions or any other submissions to the newsletter can be made by sending them the return address on the newsletter. Also, if you have a computer and modem, to the Amateur Radio BBS at 805-583-2282. If you have packet, I can also be reached at N6VDV-3 on 144.97. If you have access to the Internet, my address is:
hcoleman@arbbs.simivalley.ca.us

If all of the above fail, my home number is 805/583-5199. No one should be able to say that they could not get in contact with me.

Very Important

At the next meeting of the Simi Settlers to be held on Thursday, June 9th, election of officers of YOUR club will be held. It is impossible to have an election if YOU do not vote. To vote, you must be a paid-up member of the club. As dues expired on May 31st, you will have to renew to vote. A renewal application and a new member application are included with this newsletter.

Candidate Statements

The following are statements written by those seeking office and are reproduced as written.



QST!! QST!! QST!!!

At our Simi Settlers meeting on June 9th we will be holding elections for next years officers. There are many excellent candidates to choose from. My only regret, so far, is that there is only one candidate for president. ME. Don't misunderstand this statement because I am, along with Kathy, full of excitement and thrilled to have the opportunity to be involved with and serve this fine club of ours in this capacity. I've spoken with several members during the past few months and listened to a lot of good ideas for our clubs direction and involvement over the next year.

As a candidate for office myself, I to have many plans and ideas for the club and you the membership. The ideas that I have been approached with are great ones, but even better is the fact that those with the ideas also want to be involved with the plans. The key word is involved. With this in mind, I ask that you be at the meeting on June 9th and vote. You may

think it a bit much for me, the only candidate for president, to encourage your vote, but I want you to know that I take nothing for granted. This opportunity to serve the club is to important to me to take it for granted. Just think about it!! We have all the friendship, information, education, and much more right at our fingertips with just a push of the PTT. In closing, I'll look forward to seeing you at the meeting and if elected to be your president, I will, along with the rest of the board and you the members, strive to make the 94-95 year a year of events to remember for you and for the community we live in.

VOTE FOR RON FOR PRESIDENT KD6VLM (VERY LUCKY MAN) Thank You

Don't make any plans for field day June 25-26. Final plans will be made at the June meeting also. Come join in the fun and education of the day.

Bruce Belcher

KE6FSX

Position: Vice-President
Statement;

I have lived in the Simi Valley since 1986.

While fairly new to amateur radio, both my wife and I are members of the Simi Settlers, Simi Valley Repeater association, RACES, ARES, and ARRL.

As vice-president I would be anxious to be part of a "hands on" team that would generate new programs and activities of a nature that would encourage new members, as well as existing ones, to take a more active part in their organization.

I would like to increase the visibility of amateur radio in the community and the local newspaper, by community service, as well as social functions.

There are a large number of Amateurs in our valley that don't belong to the Simi Settlers. With a concerted drive for new members, I feel we can make our organization, even better and stronger than we already are.

If elected, I will, as part of the team, work for the betterment of the Simi Settlers in any way possible.

My name is Sue Berkhout, KD6ZLG and I am running for the office of Club Secretary. If elected, I hope, to the best of my abilities, to keep accurate minutes of Board Meetings and Club Meetings. Also I have ideas, one of which is to create a profile on each club member. This would help us know each one and their various ham interests. My past Office Management skills will certainly be useful in this position. Thanks and I hope to get to know each of you personally.

Historian candidate John Berkhout KD6ZLJ wants to be part of the "team" to make the Simi Settlers Club the best ever. I have been a member for one year and presently hold a Technician class license. I have taken my General theory and am studying code currently. If elected I would like to have a Bulletin Board to display pictures, etc. of club activities. I will also have available to the members scrapbooks, picture albums etc. These would be available at the club meetings for members and future members to look at.

Simi Settlers!

November 1994

SHORT CIRCUIT

Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club, P.O. Box 3035, Simi Valley, CA 93093

Elmer, Where Are You?

If you have a specialty in HAM radio or
If you have some spare time or
If you want to help a new HAM or
If you want to help an existing HAM or
If you need some help.

On December 15 we will be giving the VE tests again so in early February we will have 20 new HAMS in Ventura County. Some of these new HAMS will have a friend or family member to assist them in their new hobby but a lot of them will need some help. In the past I have been asking selected members of our local HAM community to be a friend to the new HAMS or as the ARRL calls them an "ELMER". In the past we only asked the older and experienced HAM to assist but we have a lot of you who are only a couple years into the hobby and have enough knowledge to assist a new person get started. Even if you are not "technical", you are on the air and can answer a lot

of questions to help the new HAMS. We still need some volunteers who are "technical" for special assistance in antennas, packet, ATV, satellite communication, laser or any other specialty you can think of.

Please call or send me a note giving your name, call, phone number, time available and which part of the program you want to help with; a specialty or working with an individual. Call me also if you are already a HAM and need some assistance. My answer machine is on all of the time.

Bob Raynor, W6LUY
805-526-6751 or 213-847-7706

Elected Officers

President
Ron McClure KD6VLM
805/584-6737
Vice President
Bruce Belcher KE6FSX
Treasurer
Ed Meyer KA6OMG
Secretary
Sue Berkhout KD6ZLG
Historian
John Berkhout KD6ZLJ
Newsletter
Howard Coleman N6VDV
805/583-5199

Committee Chairperson

Membership
Gary Hubler KE6FSQ
805/529-2085
Publicity
Diane Belcher KE6FSZ
Field Day
Kathy McClure KE6ATR

Minutes of the General Meeting 10-13

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance, led by Bill, KD6UQB, was followed by roll call of members. All Board members and appointed officers, 41 members, and 5 guests were present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Certificates" of appreciation were given to: Charlie, KD6UUY, -Curt, KD6FKV, - Jerry, KC6UIJ, - Jim, KN6ZD, - & Ed, KA6OMG. These certificates were given for use of equipment

and participation in the Simi Valley Days Parade.

Outstanding Service "Certificates" were also presented to Diane, KE6FSZ, and to Sandy, wife of Liv, and to Lindy, wife of Curt, KD6FKV, for their efforts put into float decorations.

Dave, WA6AYI, was given a certificate for his Sept. QRP and CW Presentation.

Bill, KD6UQB, was given a certificate naming him Club Liason for ARRL.

REPORTS

Jerry, KC6UIJ, AEC for Area One (Simi Valley), and his committee, gave reports on the up coming ARES/RACES "Simulated Emergency Test (SET) to be held Saturday Oct. 15. Participants were asked to meet at the Simi Police Station at 9:00 A.M.

Orv, WB6WEY, gave an update on SVRA. (Simi Valley Repeater Association).

Jerry, KC6UIJ, asked for volunteers for the Sunday, Oct. 23 - Conejo Century Classics Bike Run. Volunteers were still needed to fill various positions.

Gary, KE6FSQ, membership chairperson, reported on his ongoing developing membership drive.

For the program, excerpts from the 1994 Field Day and Simi Valley Days Parade were shown.

BUSINESS

A motion was introduced to approve the Proposed 1994/1995 Budget. Rick, KE6FSY, made the motion to approve, and it was seconded by Kathy, KD6ATR. Discussion was called for and

motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Membership Rosters as well as NEW MEMBERSHIP CARDS, and HOLIDAY RAFFLE TICKETS were handed out to all members.

After raffle, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 P.M.



KC6NSJ Corky Yonce	11/1
KD6ZLG Sue Berkhout	11/2
W6LUY Bob Raynor	11/2
KF6FIV Joseph I Ragonese	11/3
KD6ZLJ John Berkhout	11/14
KF6FSX Bruce Belcher	11/14
N6VDV Howard Coleman	11/18
KF6ACI Rick Magee	11/22
AR6XC Tony Chomo	11/24
KE6FSY Richard Carver	11/30
KF6HGA Scott L Mayer	11/30

The President Speaks

How exciting, another membership meeting is coming up November 10th. I really look forward to these meetings, because we get to see everyone and because Bruce, our V.P. is setting up some interesting programs for us. Special notice!!! Try your best to make the November meeting as, sorry to say, this will be Charlie, KD6UUY's last meeting with us. Charlie is moving up north to be

close to his son. We'll really miss our club Elder. Make a special effort to come and say your good-bye. Good Luck Charlie!!!

Regarding the Simi Valley Days Parade: Speaking for Kathy and myself, we had a super great time, and are honored to be part of this club, proud of our friends and the membership, and of all radio operators (HAMS). There are a lot of special thanks given to some individuals that went way beyond in their efforts, and time, to get this years Parade entry ready to go. At the front of our entry was Jerry, KC6UIJ, driving Charlie, KD6UUY, our Club Elder. Thanks Jerry. He also carried the club banner. Thanks also to Charlie, you are an inspiration to all of us!! The second vehicle was our float. Kurt, KD6FKV, was kind enough to donate his flat bed truck and his wife Lyndie hand made the great signs. Many thanks to both of you. Diane, KE6FSZ, and Sandy, (Larry's KE6EIV) wife made some super large scale HT's and a Base radio that mounted on the sides of the truck. Thanks to both of you, they were wonderful. Ed KA6OMG, furnished the HF radio and antenna with speakers that let the public hear the contacts made from the float. Ed, Felipe KE6JKF, and Mike KD6ZLM made contacts with Mexico, B.C., and Hawaii, among others. The crowd loved it, thanks guys. The last vehicle was Jim KN6ZE suburban marked as an emergency vehicle. We had many signs made on Jims computer taped all over the truck. They noted ARES,

ARRL, and RACES definitions and one sign stated that "HAM RADIO IS FOR ALL AGES".

Thanks Jim for the use of your vehicle and all the signs. They weren't able to participate in our entry as they had one of their own with the Boy Scouts. My Grandsons Jeremy KE6DAR, and Steven KE6AWH were on that float with HT's and transmitted between the two floats during the parade. Afterwards I was approached by two leaders inquiring about classes. They wanted to be Hams too. Pretty good Huh. Enough about the parade except to again thank all that participated and all of the members for your support. After the parade Alan KA6WGO supplied us with another great taco night. Thanks Alan. Holidays are coming up on us and everyone is very busy. We do hope that you will mark your calendars now to attend the clubs annual party at Jennifer AA6MX house on December 9th. It begins at 6:00pm with a pot luck. We have lots of fun and great fellowship. There will also be a great raffle this year. We have already gotten a Kenwood H.T. and a 3 elements fold-up quad. There will be many more great prizes to win. *Please show your support and attend the party, you won't regret it. Also remember you don't have to be present at the party to win the raffle prizes. You can buy tickets from any board member and other member have them also.

In closing we would like to send our thoughts and prayers to Ed and Jan Padgett on the loss of Jan's daughter Rhonda. If you need anything, please call. See you soon, 73s, Ron, KD6VLM

The Vice President

The program for this month is:

Interference to Ham Radio
Reception by Personal Computer
Equipments

by David H. Danner K6AIX

A radio amateur since 1952, Dave is a graduate of the University of Redlands in Physics in 1956. He has worked in electronic related fields which have seen the transistor and microcomputer come into being. He is currently employed by MICOM Communications Corp., in Simi Valley, CA and is responsible for compliance of their computer based electronic equipment to meet FCC interference requirements. Author of the Electronic Technician Workbook Series, he also teaches electronic technician training at West Valley Occupational Center of Los Angeles Unified School District.

Computers and other non-radio equipment are not intended to transmit radio signals of any kind. Within the modern personal computer, electrical signals are changing at such a fast rate that considerable radio signals are produced.

This electromagnetic incomparability can cause serious interference to the receiving equipment used by amateur radio operators. This presentation will present the typical radio interference generated by the average

personal computer. Spectrum analysis will be used to demonstrate the characteristics of the interference. Practical methods to reduce the effects of this interference will be discussed.

Bruce Belcher, KE6FSX

FIELD DAY 1995

Hi, just a quick note to let you all know that we are already planning for field day 1995. We are in hopes that there will be a much greater turnout of both Hams and spectators next year. If we start now to plan for advertisement and signs so that everyone knows where we are, there will be no excuse for not coming.

This event is an opportunity for both old and new Hams to share the experience. If there is an aspect of Ham that you think you might be interested in, come try it out and make a few points for the club in the process. Please let us know what you want to work on and we'll go from there. We are also in much need of input as to why you didn't come this year and what we can do to improve. There is always room for improvement. We will be making an information booth to place at the entrance of the grounds with pamphlets and a guide for anyone who is interested. We are also planning to have a dinner on Saturday for all interested parties.

We will be putting together a committee soon, please let one of the board, or myself know what you would like to do or see done.

We'll talk soon.
Kathy McClure, KE6ATR
Field Day Chairperson 1995

NEWS FLASH!!!

Have you been reading the Enterprise lately? Well, if you had, you would have noticed the Simi Settlers have been appearing in it more often. Such as the Calendar section, and a couple of articles on the latest SET Drill. Now if you were wondering how they got there it was little ol' me. I've been trying to let the community know what Amateur Radio is (besides putting up those unsightly antennas), and it never hurts to let people know when and where the Simi Settlers have their meetings. Who knows, we might even make some new friends.

Hope you enjoy seeing the **Simi Settlers** in our local newspaper, as much as I do.

by Diane Belcher, KE6FSZ
Publicity Chairperson
ARRL Public Information Officer

Guest Editorial

(The following editorial does not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Simi Settlers, the Board of Directors or of the membership. We welcome editorials with differing viewpoints.)

Time To Take Out The Trash

by Ed Padgett, KC6HVI

I was given a piece of advice the other day that made me angry. The advice was offered by one of my co-workers. He had told me that when I am ever working in the field and are accosted by strangers armed or otherwise, that I should just give them money and that would make them go away. The thought of this made me bristle. Thoughts of individual liberties and standing up for one's self were the first to enter my mind. After some reflection however, I started to think about the larger picture. Just how is it that we as a people began to think this way. Just give the would be robbers some money and they will leave you alone. What an absurd notion. They don't even need a weapon to take our money from us. We have been advised to submit to this kind of aggression from the time we began in school.

The school bully takes your lunch money and you are advised to do nothing. If you fight back, school authorities will not distinguish you from your attacker. You will be punished by the school the same as the bully who robbed you.

So what does all of this have to do with the average ham. Do you think that we don't suffer

similar circumstances within our own hobby? I ask you to consider an issue that exists within ham radio. For lack of a better description I will use the term "Trash operators" These are the operators that jam your QSO. These are the people who scream obscenities over the air. These people are giving the rest of Ham Radio a bad name. These people are a cancer, spreading throughout Ham Radio.

Conventional wisdom has told us that "If we leave them alone, they will stay on their own repeater and not bother us. This has proven to be wrong. These trash operators are indeed expanding their turf to more repeaters. They seem to gravitate towards high level repeaters. It most likely makes them feel more secure because of the anonymity of repeaters with large coverage areas. Most of us have tuned into one of those repeaters at one time or another. We do so out of curiosity. It isn't long before we ask ourselves "Why am I listening to this?"

Ham Radio has always been a family and community oriented group of people. Now a bully has crossed our path and is polluting our hobby. Sure, we can always change to another repeater, right? Wrong! These people are like the school bully. They will not go away if you give them what they want, because they will want more the next time, and the next, and the next. It will take longer for them to come to Simi. We are a low coverage repeater and that makes us less attractive than other repeaters. But be assured

that they will come.

If that does not sound bad enough, think about this. There are commercial interests who would love to take our bands and use them for their own profit. If you need proof, look at the history of band allocations for ham radio. Most recently look at what happened to the 220 MHz band. These commercial interests will quickly point to the trash in ham radio as an example of why these bands should be taken away from us.

The worst part is that they are growing in numbers. As new hams discover this darker side of Ham Radio they will think that it must be OK to do. Many will join in. This phenomenon is not exclusive to the VHF/UHF bands. It can be heard on the HF bands as well. And it is not just Technician class operators, there are plenty of General, Advanced, and Extra class operators among them. So now what do we do, you might ask. I don't have any sure fire answers. I am hoping that someone out there will have some ideas. If so, I would love to hear from you. Remember, the cancer is spreading. The larger it gets, the harder it will be to kill it.



Ares Net



ARES net pre-check in for Simi Valley (Area One), is held every Tuesday at 1915 hours on the WB6WEY repeater at 147.930- (127.3). In the event of a failure of the WB6WEY repeater, use 147.930 simplex.

The Ventura County ARES net follows at 1930 hours on the Sulphur Mountain repeater at 146.880- (127.3). In the event of a failure of the SMRA repeater, use 146.880 simplex.

For further information about ARES or ARES membership, please contact Jerry Crabtree, KC6UIJ at 805 526-5869.

Please help welcome these new members to the Simi Settlers.

KM6SK
Guillermo Z. Hernandez

KM6FQ
Dave Carstensen

KE6JQP
David A. Faige

(callsign pending)
Justin M. Hirsch

Party! Party!



Your invited to the Simi Settlers Annual Holiday Party to be held at Ron and Kathy's home on Friday, December 9th. The address is 2235 Wisteria Sreet. Talk in on 147.93-.

Starting time is 6:00 P.M. with a pot luck dinner. Please bring a dish to serve 10 or more. If you have a question as to what to bring, please contact Ron or Kathy McClure (surprise Kathy - Ron "voluntered" you to coordinate the pot luck).

Raffle tickets are available for the drawing being held at the party. Great prizes again this year. You do not have to be present to win, but your presence is really needed to help make the party a truly fun evening.

Classified

Any item relating to the purchase, trade or sale of amateur radio equipment or services can be listed in this section.

PACE ELECTRONICS INC

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Mail to: SSARC, P.O. Box 3035, Simi Valley, CA, 93093-3035

**** Please print legibly ****

Type of Application:

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Renewal ☐

Type of Membership

Individual (\$15/yr) ☐
Family (\$20/yr) ☐
SSARC Year is June 1 - May 31

Name

First

Middle Initial

Last

Call Sign _____ License Class: N T G A E ARRL: No ☐ Yes ☐ Exp _____

Name

First

Middle Initial

Last

Call Sign _____ License Class: N T G A E ARRL: No ☐ Yes ☐ Exp _____

Other family members

Address _____ City/St _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Alt Phone _____

Please use separate sheet for additional family members.

I would be willing to help with the following committees:

TVI/RFI ☐ Technical ☐ License Classes ☐ VE Tests ☐
Speaker ☐ Club Officer ☐ Other ☐

Office Use Only

Application Type: New ☐ Renewal ☐ Membership type: Individual ☐ Family ☐

Date Recv'd _____ Amount Recv'd _____ Database completed (date) _____

Badges Requested: N Y How Many _____ X \$7.00 = _____ Badge(s) ordered (date) _____

Badge
name(s) _____

The Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club is an ARRL Affiliated club. Meetings are held the Second Thursday of each month in the Hospitality Room of the Seventh Day Adventist Church 1636 Sinaloa Street, Simi Valley (except December when a Holiday Party is held).

The doors open at 7 P.M and the meeting starts at 7:30 P.M. You do NOT need to be a Ham Radio Operator to be a member. All you need is an interest in Ham Radio. Individual dues are \$15 per year and Family membership is \$20 per year.

Visitors are invited and VERY welcome !



SSARC
P.O. Box 3035
Simi Valley, CA 93093

NEXT MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 1994

Internet Resources

simisettlers.org - us!

cvarc.org - Conejo Valley Amateur Radio Club

k6mep.org - Ventura County Amateur Radio Club

vcars.org - Ventura County amateur Radio Society

pvarc.club - The home of many of the counties repeaters

arednmesh.org - Amateur Radio Emergency Data Network

vccomm.org - Ventura County ACS / ARES

www.arrl.org - American Radio Relay League

archive.org/details/simi-settlers-arc - Our old newsletters!

qrz.com - forums, for sale, articles

eham.net - forums, for sale, articles (kind of a zombie site)

www.theborednet.net - a local bulletin board including net schedules and **stuff** for sale!

Under the groups.io banner (a free account is required):

groups.io/g/SimiSettlers/messages - A great place to post

groups.io/g/SIMI-VALLEY-HAMMESHNET/messages

vc-accs.groups.io/g/main/messages

vc-accs.groups.io/g/area-1/messages

SSARC Marketplace

This section of the newsletter is for Simi Settler club members to post various used or previously owned items for sale that they may no longer have a need or use of. Please submit a brief description of the sale items (along with a photo if possible) and suggested price to Eric Oberg KE6MLF, the newsletter editor, at least two days before newsletter publication. It is suggested that a portion of each sale be donated to the SSARC treasury to help support the club's several activities. The term "OBO" means "Or Best Offer" and serves only as a starting point in negotiating a fair price.

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MFJ-335 MOBILE ANTENNA MAGNETIC MOUNT



This heavy-duty 5" diameter magnetic antenna mount uses a powerful 2.5 pound magnetic base for secure mounting on top of most vehicles. It features a standard 3/8-24 threaded receptacle for attaching various hamstick or other whip antennas as needed. The 9-1/2 ft. length of RG-58 cable has a standard PL-259 UHF end connector. Typical cost of this magnetic antenna mount from MFJ or DX Engineering is \$29.95.

Condition: Excellent Price: \$5 or OBO. Contact Mike Tweedy KV6I (805-231-9683)

COMET CF-4160 DUPLEXER



The Comet CF-4160 is a 2m/70cm duplexer that can act as a splitter to provide separate VHF and UHF coax outputs that can feed separate 2m and 70cm antennas for dual band transceivers having a single coax output. Alternately, it can combine outputs from separate VHF/UHF rigs or a transceiver having separate VHF and UHF coax outputs that can be combined together to use a single coax cable that connects to a VHF/UHF antenna such as a MFJ-1760 or MFJ-1768 dual band Yagi. For low bands such as 2m, the frequency range is from 1.3 to 170 MHz. For high bands such as 70cm, the frequency range is 350 to 540 MHz. UHF-type coax connectors provided are a single female SO-239 and two male PL-259 connectors. The Comet CF-4160 duplexer currently sells for \$52.98 from GigaParts.

Condition: Excellent Price: \$15 or OBO. Contact Mike Tweedy KV6I (805-231-9683)

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PARA DYNAMICS PDC9 SWR & POWER METER



The Para Dynamics PDC9 inline SWR / Power Meter operates from 144MHz to 430MHz which includes the 2m - 70cm ham bands. The unit has two power ranges, 15W and 60W. Unit provides two female SO-239 coax connectors. Unit measures approximately 2" X 2.5" X 1". A similar unit recently sold on eHam.net for \$25.

Condition: Excellent Price: \$10 or OBO. Contact Mike Tweedy KV6I (805-231-9683)

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RADIO SHACK PRO-2044 SCANNER



The PRO-2044 is an 80-channel programmable scanner capable of receiving both AM and FM modulated signals in the HF, VHF and UHF bands ranging from 29 MHz to 512 MHz. The scanner's channels are divided into 10 channel-storage banks of 8 channels each. The scanner also has an additional 10 monitor memories available for temporary frequency storage if desired. The unit features keypad entry programming buttons plus standard volume and squelch controls to set desired audio level. The unit has a built-in internal speaker plus a headphone output jack. Power requirement is 12VDC with an AC adapter included. Rear antenna input is a BNC-type connector for connecting to an outdoor antenna or to a small collapsible whip (included). Size is 8" wide x 7" deep x 3" high. Instruction manual is included.

Condition: Very Good Price: \$10 or OBO. Contact Mike Tweedy KV6I (805-231-9683)

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REALISTIC PRO-42 SCANNER



The PRO-42 is a handheld 10-channel programmable scanner radio capable of receiving FM frequencies in three separate bands: 30 MHz to 54 MHz (VHF Low), 138 MHz to 174 MHz (VHF High) and 380 MHz to 512 MHz (UHF). The unit features keypad entry programming buttons plus standard volume and squelch controls to set desired audio level. The display is an LCD type with a backlit display for improved readability in low-light conditions. It includes a channel lockout capability with an optional 2-second scan delay to eliminate missed replies. The unit has a built-in internal speaker plus a headphone output jack. Antenna input is a BNC-type connector for connecting to an 8-inch flexible antenna (included) or an outdoor antenna if desired. Power (9VDC) is provided by six internal AA batteries or via an external power jack. A separate charger input is also provided should rechargeable 1.25 volt nickel-cadmium batteries be used instead. A convenient belt clip is also provided for ease of use.

Dimensions are 6.75" tall x 2.75" wide x 1.50" deep. Weight is 15.9 Oz.

Condition: Very Good Price: \$5 or OBO. Contact Mike Tweedy KV6I (805-231-9683)

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LAFAYETTE RADIO MODEL TE-50 TUBE TESTER



This portable tube tester from Lafayette Radio is perfect for testing vacuum tubes from classic radios and television receivers sold back in the day. It has eight tube sockets capable of testing standard Octal, Loctal, 7-pin miniature, 9-pin miniature types as well as 9- and 12-pin Compactron tubes and nuvistor tubes that were popular back in the 1950's and 1960's. Tests include leakage, shorts and tube emission (e.g.- gain or μ -measurements). The tester includes a slide-out chart drawer plus supplemental charts for newer-type tubes listing the required selector switch and slide switch settings for each tube under test including a test clip for testing tubes with high-voltage anode top caps such as those used for horizontal sweep circuits of earlier televisions. Similar Lafayette Model TE-50 Tube Testers are listed on E-Bay for \$99.99 or more.

Condition: Very Good Price: \$10 or OBO. Contact Mike Tweedy KV6I (805-231-9683)

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RADIO SHACK MODEL 15-1244 RF MODULATOR



This Radio Shack RF modulator can provide an NTSC type RF signal to older TVs or video monitors that require an analog signal as an input. The output is user-selectable for either channel 3 or channel 4 output and can provide 75 ohm or 1k ohm impedance. Input is AV video/video using standard phono-type plug cables. An RF coax jumper cable is provided.

Condition: Excellent Price: \$5 or OBO. Contact Mike Tweedy KV6I (805-231-9683)

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From Glenn WA6GNB

GrandStream # 1620/1625 telephone for sale. New – still in the original box. Compatible with our MESH system. \$30.00 Contact Glen at gnb.2112@yahoo.com

From Sergey KT4UFA - ut4ufa@gmail.com

TYT MD-390 GPS for sale.

It's hardly been used, mostly sitting on a shelf for radio traffic monitoring, so it's in excellent condition.

Features include supports both analog and digital DMR, GPS function, TXT messaging, group and private calling, as well as a logbook.

Additionally, there's the option to download custom firmware, offering numerous new features and unique customization options.

Included in the original set are:

- DMR transceiver
- Antenna
- Battery
- Charging station with power supply
- Earphones
- Programming cable

Price: \$75



Alinco DX-SR8

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Removable face, for remote installation in car or truck.
1.6-30MHz
CW, SSB, AM, FM.
10, 50, 100 Watt.
Very good condition.

Included in the original set are:
HF transceiver
Microphone
Power cord

\$400, or BO.



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AC-DC switching power supply.

Input 115V AC 50-60Hz

Output 12V DC 5.4 Amps

It has small trimer to fine adjust output voltage

Dimensions: 7.5*5*2.5

Free, self pickup.



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Frequency counter, Datascan C1400

Sensitivity 50 mVpp

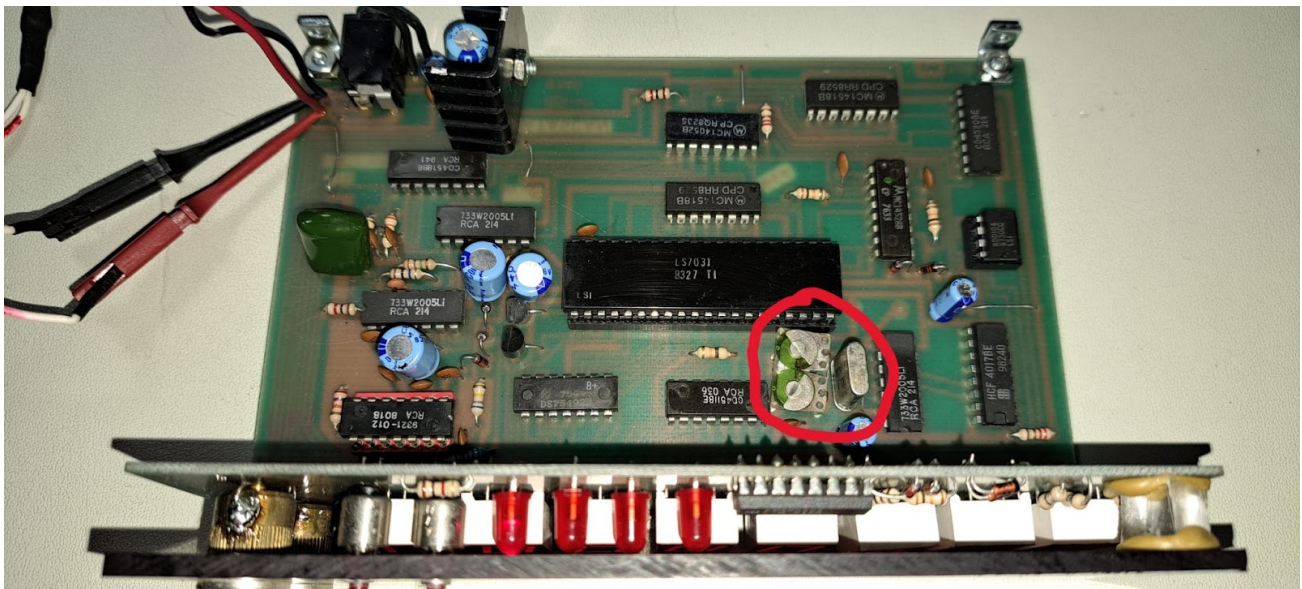
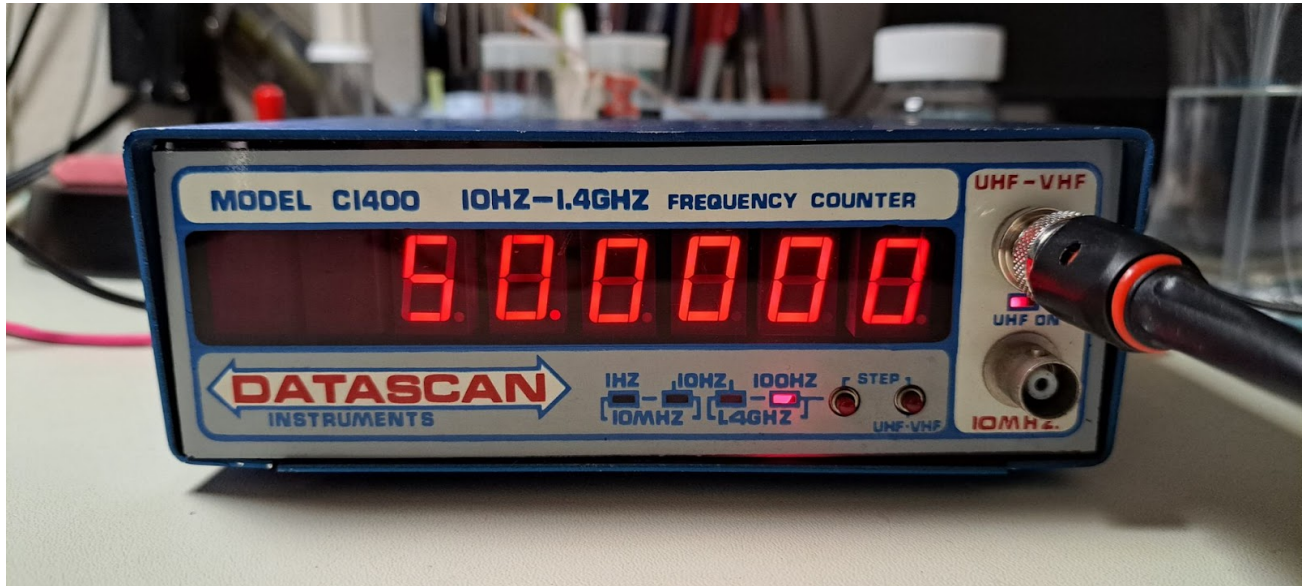
The input BNC connectors are a little bit rusty, need cleaning up.

Internal battery is dead, was removed, and needs replacement.

To power up the device, on the back side present a connector for external power supply.

I made calibration, but the frequency counter is equipped with simple crystal quartz, so accuracy and stability is not so good.

Free, self pickup.



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Universal, programmable, multi chemistry battery charger:

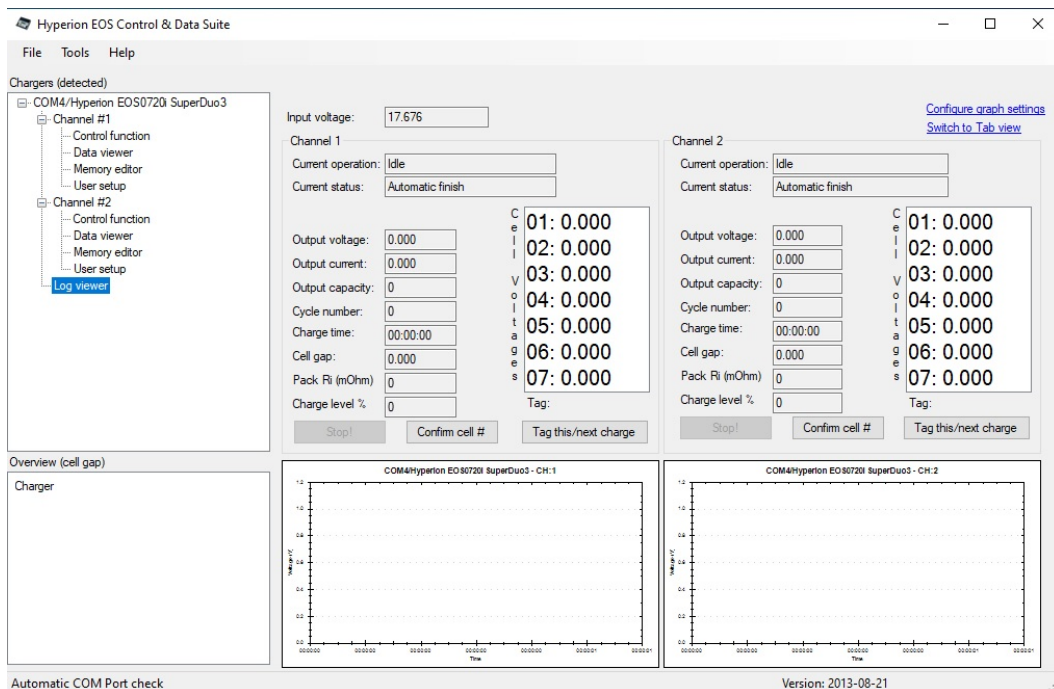
Hyperion EOS 720i Super DUO 3

+ Various cables set.

+ PC control and monitor software.

Power supply: eFuel 30A 540W

\$150



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Need any wire? Black and red pair, 16 awg, solid conductor in a grey sheath.
Contact Eric ke6mlf to find out where this large spool of went.



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Simi Settlers Amateur Radio Club

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Membership Application



Type of Application:

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Renewal ☐

Type of Membership:

Individual (\$25/yr) ☐
Family (\$30/yr) ☐

Name: _____ Day & Month of Birth: _____
(Omit year)

Call: _____ Class: _____ ARRL: Yes ☐ No ☐

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Alt. Phone: (____) _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Additional Family Members:

Name: _____ Day & Month of Birth: _____
(Omit year)

Call: _____ Class: _____ ARRL: Yes ☐ No ☐

Name: _____ Day & Month of Birth: _____
(Omit year)

Call: _____ Class: _____ ARRL: Yes ☐ No ☐

Name: _____ Day & Month of Birth: _____
(Omit year)

Call: _____ Class: _____ ARRL: Yes ☐ No ☐

Badges requested: Yes ☐ No ☐ How many? _____ X \$18.00 = \$ _____

Name (s) Call(s): _____

Shirt Printing: Yes ☐ No ☐ How many? _____ X \$25.00 = \$ _____

Name (s) Call(s): _____ (Self Supplied Polo Shirt, no emblem or pocket)

Hats Requested: Yes ☐ No ☐ How many? _____ X \$20.00 = \$ _____

Name (s) Call(s): _____

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